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Session 1: Word List

indebted

adj. owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

synonym: owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

gamble

v. to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes

synonym : bet, venture, wager

(1) **gamble** \$100 on the race, (2) **gamble** away my fortune

Will you **gamble** on the result of the fight?

discharge

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

synonym : release, emit, expel

(1) **discharge** water, (2) **discharge** a contract

The hospital will **discharge** the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

tuition

n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services

synonym : fee, schooling, education

(1) **tuition** assistance, (2) a college **tuition**

His father cannot afford his **tuition**.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

footstep

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

synonym : footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

whopping

adj. extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock

synonym : enormous, gigantic, massive

(1) **whopping** price, (2) **whopping** success

The new smartphone has a **whopping** 1TB of storage space.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

grad

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

synonym : graduate, alumnus, alumni

(1) high school **grad**, (2) **grad** student

He was proud to be a **grad** of the prestigious university.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**
The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**
These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban
Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

diploma

n. a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

synonym: credential, certificate, degree

(1) university **diploma**, (2) **diploma** thesis
He completed his high school **diploma** via correspondence courses.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym: plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available
The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

employer

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

synonym: boss, owner, company

(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility

An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym: spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

sociology

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

synonym: anthropology, demography, folklore

(1) **sociology** professor, (2) animal **sociology**

She studied **sociology** in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

bundle

n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things

synonym : package, parcel, bale

(1) **bundle** of papers, (2) travel **bundle**

I tied up the **bundle** of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.

slice

n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting

synonym : piece, portion, slit

(1) a **slice** of the company's revenue, (2) **slice** a tomato thin

The children complained because one **slice** of cake was slightly larger than the other.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym : cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym : lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym : unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

upsell

v. to persuade a customer to purchase a more expensive or additional product or service

synonym : promote, persuade

(1) **upsell** to customers, (2) **upsell** additional services

The online retailer offers personalized recommendations to **upsell** related products.

certificate

n. an official document stating that the information contained within is true

synonym : diploma, credential, certification

(1) official score **certificate**, (2) a birth **certificate**

He received a **certificate** in computer programming from the local college.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

noisy

adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound

synonym : loud, cacophonous, clamorous

(1) **noisy** neighbor, (2) **noisy** party

The construction outside was creating a **noisy** distraction from my work.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

escalator

n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure

synonym : moving stairway, elevator, lift

(1) **escalator** ride, (2) **escalator** malfunction

Please be careful getting on and off the **escalator**.

premium

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

synonym: dividend, bonus, (adjective) expensive

(1) insurance **premium**, (2) **premium** quality

Some people are willing to pay a **premium** for a rare and valuable collectible.

belie

v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

synonym: disprove, refute, contradict

(1) **belie** his expectations, (2) **belies** the impact of the speaker's words

The peaceful surroundings **belied** the danger lurking just around the corner.

barista

n. a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages

synonym: coffee maker, coffee expert, espresso artist

(1) **barista** skills, (2) professional **barista**

The **barista** at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym: teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

enroll

v. to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

synonym: register, enlist, join

(1) **enroll** at a college, (2) **enroll** in a school

I need to **enroll** in a cooking class to improve my culinary

skills.

secondary

adj. of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source

synonym : subordinate, ancillary, lesser

(1) **secondary** education, (2) **secondary** sources

The **secondary** camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym : style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym : idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym : underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

exorbitant

adj. excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees

synonym : excessive, extravagant, overpriced

(1) **exorbitant** cost, (2) **exorbitant** demand

The price of the designer shoes was **exorbitant**, so I decided

not to buy them.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

discount

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

synonym: sale, reduction, (verb) lower

(1) **discount** a draft, (2) **discount** store

I got a massive **discount** on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

adequate

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

synonym: enough, acceptable, able

(1) **adequate** parking facilities, (2) provide **adequate** funding

This argument is still not **adequate**.

downright

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

synonym: absolute, utter, complete

(1) **downright** nonsense, (2) **downright** impossible

It was a **downright** lie that he would attend the event.

bleak

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym : miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym : skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay

the **app's** release.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

huckster

n. a person who uses aggressive or dishonest methods to promote or sell goods or products; a peddler or a salesman who is often considered as using deceptive or manipulative tactics

synonym : peddler, hawker, salesman

(1) **huckster** politician, (2) persuasive **huckster**

The pyramid scheme was founded by a group of **hucksters** who promised big returns but only took people's money.

ploy

n. a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

synonym : tactic, maneuver, strategy

(1) clever **ploy**, (2) marketing **ploy**

The thief's **ploy** to distract the security guard worked perfectly.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

manifest

v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions

synonym: exhibit, make plain, demonstrate

(1) **manifest** as the word, (2) **manifest** displeasure

The Prime Minister **manifested** his regret for his neighbors

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym: wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

lab *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber
(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**
The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

faculty *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
synonym: capability, talent, aptitude
(1) a member of the **faculty**, (2) the illative **faculty** of the mind
This university's computer science **faculty** is world distinguished.

philosophy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed
(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

consequence *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
synonym: result, impact, outcome
(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument
These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

subsidize *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
synonym: finance, endow, sponsor
(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost
Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

inequity

n. a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice

synonym: injustice, unfairness, bias

(1) **inequity** in education, (2) market **inequity**

There's an **inequity** in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym: review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

defective

adj. having a flaw or fault that prevents proper functioning or usability; broken or imperfect in some way

synonym : faulty, flawed, imperfect

(1) **defective** gene, (2) **defective** equipment

The **defective** product was promptly recalled for safety reasons.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym : interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym : brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter

of public interest

synonym : question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

Session 2: Spelling

1. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
2. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
3. financially in____ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
4. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
5. hu_____er politician *n.* a person who uses aggressive or dishonest methods to promote or sell goods or products; a peddler or a salesman who is often considered as using deceptive or manipulative tactics
6. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
7. so_____gy professor *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
8. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. wage, 2. flash, 3. indebted, 4. subsidize, 5. huckster, 6. essential, 7. sociology, 8. diminish

9. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
10. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
11. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
12. ga_____e \$100 on the race *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
13. es_____or ride *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
14. be__es the impact of the speaker's words *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
15. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
16. fo_____eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
17. no__y party *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
18. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
19. be__e his expectations *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 9. philosophy, 10. improve, 11. app, 12. gamble, 13. escalator, 14. belie, 15. essential, 16. footstep, 17. noisy, 18. facility, 19. belie

20. professional ba____a *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
21. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
22. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
23. se_____ry sources *adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
24. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
25. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
26. clever p__y *n.* a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
27. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
28. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
29. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 20. barista, 21. pitch, 22. absolutely, 23. secondary, 24. brand, 25. educational, 26. ploy, 27. unlikely, 28. unemployed, 29. debt

30. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
31. insurance pr____m *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
32. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
33. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
34. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
35. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
36. in____ty in education *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
37. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
38. fixed-rate mo____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 30. engineer, 31. premium, 32. audit, 33. lab, 34. bait, 35. fashion, 36. inequity, 37. intelligence, 38. mortgage

39. marketing p__y *n.* a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
40. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
41. es_____or malfunction *n.* a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
42. wh_____ng success *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
43. university di_____a *n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
44. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
45. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
46. ig____e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
47. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

ANSWERS: 39. ploy, 40. accumulate, 41. escalator, 42. whopping, 43. diploma, 44. suffer, 45. stud, 46. ignore, 47. bait

48. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
49. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
50. provide ad_____te funding *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need
51. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
52. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
53. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
54. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
55. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 48. brand, 49. unemployed, 50. adequate, 51. policy, 52. curiosity, 53. graduate, 54. ruin, 55. philosophy

56. se____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
57. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
58. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
59. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
60. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
61. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
62. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
63. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 56. security, 57. firm, 58. statistics, 59. economical, 60. smartphone, 61. pretension, 62. distinguish, 63. administrator

64. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
65. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
66. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
67. se_____ry education *adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
68. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
69. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
70. playing d__e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
71. alcohol ad_____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
72. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
73. de_____ve gene *adj.* having a flaw or fault that prevents proper functioning or usability; broken or imperfect in some way
74. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 64. rub, 65. profitable, 66. innovative, 67. secondary, 68. consequence, 69. rediscover, 70. dice, 71. addiction, 72. obvious, 73. defective, 74. advertise

75. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
76. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
77. sl__e a tomato thin *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
78. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
79. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
80. pr_____m quality *n.* an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value
81. official score cer_____te *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
82. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
83. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 75. cruel, 76. affordable, 77. slice, 78. roughly, 79. exploit, 80. premium, 81. certificate, 82. gallon, 83. envy

84. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
85. und_____yed population *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
86. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
87. in_____ed to creditors *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
88. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
89. ma_____st displeasure *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
90. up_____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
91. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
92. gross pr_____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 84. subsidize, 85. underemployed, 86. exploit, 87. indebted, 88. lab, 89. manifest, 90. upgrade, 91. advertise, 92. profit

93. do_____ht impossible *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
94. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
95. a college tu_____n *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
96. prospects were bl__k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
97. ga___e away my fortune *v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
98. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
99. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
100. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
101. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
102. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

ANSWERS: 93. downright, 94. consequence, 95. tuition, 96. bleak, 97. gamble, 98. rediscover, 99. curiosity, 100. cruel, 101. advantage, 102. cynical

103. a birth cer_____te *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
104. ca_____r position *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
105. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
106. w____ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
107. vi_____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
108. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
109. au____t the books *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
110. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

ANSWERS: 103. certificate, 104. cashier, 105. stimming, 106. warn, 107. victim, 108. diminish, 109. audit, 110. provider

111. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
112. und_____yed graduates *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
113. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
114. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
115. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
116. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
117. di_____nt store *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

ANSWERS: 111. profit, 112. underemployed, 113. economy, 114. addition, 115. trillion, 116. barb, 117. discount

118. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
119. up___l to customers *v.* to persuade a customer to purchase a more expensive or additional product or service
120. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
121. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
122. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
123. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
124. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
125. travel bu___e *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
126. en___l at a college *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service

ANSWERS: 118. mortgage, 119. upsell, 120. pun, 121. fashion, 122. combine, 123. intelligence, 124. degree, 125. bundle, 126. enroll

127. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
128. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
129. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
130. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
131. bu___e of papers *n.* a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
132. exo_____nt demand *adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
133. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
134. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
135. approaching fo_____eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 127. bankrupt, 128. degree, 129. accumulate, 130. engage, 131. bundle, 132. exorbitant, 133. economy, 134. unlikely, 135. footstep

136. market in_____ty *n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
137. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
138. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
139. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
140. tu_____n assistance *n.* the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
141. em_____er responsibility *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
142. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
143. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
144. high school g__d *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
145. a cell phone with an internet
fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
146. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 136. inequity, 137. affordable, 138. profitable, 139. obvious, 140. tuition, 141. employer, 142. industrious, 143. warn, 144. grad, 145. facility, 146. label

147. en___l in a school *v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
148. up_____e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
149. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
150. exo_____nt cost *adj.* excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
151. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
152. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
153. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
154. un___r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

ANSWERS: 147. enroll, 148. upgrade, 149. cynical, 150. exorbitant, 151. ruin, 152. stud, 153. instance, 154. unfair

155. ma_____st as the word *v.* to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
156. a sl__e of the company's revenue *n.* a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
157. ro_____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
158. the illative fa_____y of the mind *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
159. no__y neighbor *adj.* making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
160. di_____ge a contract *v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
161. de_____ve equipment *adj.* having a flaw or fault that prevents proper functioning or usability; broken or imperfect in some way
162. d__e game *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
163. bl__k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
164. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 155. manifest, 156. slice, 157. roughly, 158. faculty, 159. noisy, 160. discharge, 161. defective, 162. dice, 163. bleak, 164. consume

165. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
166. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
167. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
168. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
169. di_____ge water *v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
170. g__d student *n.* (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university
171. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
172. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
173. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 165. administrator, 166. flash, 167. discovery, 168. provider, 169. discharge, 170. grad, 171. medicinal, 172. trillion, 173. victim

174. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
175. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
176. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
177. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
178. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
179. di_____a thesis *n.* a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university
180. in_____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
181. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
182. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
183. b__b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 174. engage, 175. educate, 176. abundantly, 177. medicinal, 178. inquiry, 179. diploma, 180. invest, 181. distinguish, 182. hire, 183. barb

184. abu_____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
185. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
186. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
187. pr____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
188. pr____t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
189. illegal em_____er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
190. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
191. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
192. up____l additional services *v.* to persuade a customer to purchase a more expensive or additional product or service
193. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 184. abundantly, 185. graduated, 186. bankrupt, 187. prompt, 188. prompt, 189. employer, 190. discovery, 191. label, 192. upsell, 193. wage

194. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
195. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
196. a civil en____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
197. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
198. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
199. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
200. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
201. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
202. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

ANSWERS: 194. pitch, 195. stimming, 196. engineer, 197. ignore, 198. combine, 199. deny, 200. hire, 201. policy, 202. rub

203. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
204. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
205. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
206. persuasive hu_____er *n.* a person who uses aggressive or dishonest methods to promote or sell goods or products; a peddler or a salesman who is often considered as using deceptive or manipulative tactics
207. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
208. do_____ht nonsense *adj.* (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely
209. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
210. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
211. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
212. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
213. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 203. addition, 204. statistics, 205. debt, 206. huckster, 207. instance, 208. downright, 209. quarter, 210. rank, 211. ignorance, 212. deny, 213. pretension

214. wh_____ng price *adj.* extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock
215. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
216. animal so_____gy *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
217. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
218. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
219. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
220. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
221. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 214. whopping, 215. ignorance, 216. sociology, 217. pun, 218. invest, 219. suffer, 220. advantage, 221. firm

222. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
223. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
224. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
225. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
226. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
227. endangered go_____a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
228. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
229. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
230. bank ca_____r *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

ANSWERS: 222. industrious, 223. envy, 224. educational, 225. consume, 226. inquiry, 227. gorilla, 228. improve, 229. addiction, 230. cashier

231. go_____a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
232. di_____nt a draft *n.* a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price
233. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
234. have an un___r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
235. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
236. a member of the fa_____y *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
237. ba_____a skills *n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
238. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 231. gorilla, 232. discount, 233. rank, 234. unfair, 235. graduate, 236. faculty, 237. barista, 238. absolutely

239. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
240. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
241. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
242. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
243. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
244. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
245. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
246. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
247. ad_____te parking facilities *adj.* enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

ANSWERS: 239. app, 240. smartphone, 241. gallon, 242. quarter, 243. educate, 244. graduated, 245. security, 246. economical, 247. adequate

248. use of inn_____ve technology

adj. introducing or using new methods,
ideas, etc.

ANSWERS: 248. innovative

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His father cannot afford his _____.
n. the act of teaching something, especially when given to a small group or one person; fees charged by education institutions for instruction or other services
2. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
3. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
4. The Prime Minister _____ his regret for his neighbors
v. to show something such as feeling, attitude, quality, etc. clearly through signs or actions
5. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
6. Please be careful getting on and off the _____.
n. a moving staircase or conveyor device that carries people between floors or levels of a building or structure
7. This university's computer science _____ is world distinguished.
n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

ANSWERS: 1. tuition, 2. label, 3. invest, 4. manifested, 5. intelligence, 6. escalator, 7. faculty

8. The online retailer offers personalized recommendations to _____ related products.
- v.* to persuade a customer to purchase a more expensive or additional product or service
9. The _____ camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.
- adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
10. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
11. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
12. The policy change resulted in an _____ positive outcome for the company.
- adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
13. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
14. The peaceful surroundings _____ the danger lurking just around the corner.
- v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
15. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

ANSWERS: 8. upsell, 9. secondary, 10. philosophy, 11. barbs, 12. abundantly, 13. accumulated, 14. belied, 15. subsidize

16. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

17. I got a massive _____ on my new laptop during the Black Friday sale.

n. a reduction in the original price of an item, product, or service; a deduction from the usual cost or value of something; (verb) to disregard or minimize the importance of something; to offer a lower price for a product or service than its original price

18. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

19. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

20. The _____ product was promptly recalled for safety reasons.

adj. having a flaw or fault that prevents proper functioning or usability; broken or imperfect in some way

21. The hospital will _____ the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

22. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

23. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 16. unemployed, 17. discount, 18. absolutely, 19. bankrupt, 20. defective, 21. discharge, 22. cruel, 23. mortgage

24. The _____ at my favorite coffee shop always makes the perfect latte.
- n.* a person who works in a coffee shop or café, typically making and serving coffee and other hot beverages
25. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
26. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
- v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
27. There's an _____ in the criminal justice system that needs to be addressed.
- n.* a lack of fairness or justice; an unfair or unequal situation or practice
28. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.
- n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
29. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.
- n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
30. He received a _____ in computer programming from the local college.
- n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
31. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
32. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 24. barista, 25. denying, 26. upgrade, 27. inequity, 28. bait, 29. addiction, 30. certificate, 31. distinguished, 32. economy

33. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
34. The construction outside was creating a _____ distraction from my work.
adj. making a lot of sounds, especially loud or disruptive sound
35. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
36. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
37. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
38. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
39. The children complained because one _____ of cake was slightly larger than the other.
n. a flat, often thin, piece of bread, meat, cheese, etc., that has been cut from a larger piece; a wound made by cutting
40. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 33. gallon, 34. noisy, 35. smartphones, 36. medicinal, 37. suffers, 38. curiosity, 39. slice, 40. pitch

41. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
42. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
43. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
- v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
44. He felt _____ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
- adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
45. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
46. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 41. ruined, 42. policy, 43. envy, 44. indebted, 45. victim, 46. degree

47. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
- n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
48. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
49. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
50. Will you _____ on the result of the fight?
- v.* to take risky action in the hope of being successful; to play or game for money or other stakes
51. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
52. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
53. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
- adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
54. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 47. dice, 48. consume, 49. ignored, 50. gamble, 51. rank, 52. security, 53. graduated, 54. lab

55. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

56. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

57. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

58. An _____ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

n. a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

59. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

60. The political landscape looks _____ without a change of administration.

adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

61. She studied _____ in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

62. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

ANSWERS: 55. innovative, 56. fashion, 57. rediscovered, 58. employer's, 59. hire, 60. bleak, 61. sociology, 62. affordable

63. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
- n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
64. The _____ worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way
- adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
65. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
66. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.
- n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
67. I need to _____ in a cooking class to improve my culinary skills.
- v.* to officially register or sign up for something, particularly a course of study, an organization, or a service
68. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.
- v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
69. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 63. ignorance, 64. underemployed, 65. facility, 66. inquiry, 67. enroll, 68. educate, 69. engaged

70. This argument is still not _____.

adj. enough, acceptable, satisfactory for a particular purpose or need

71. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

72. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

73. The pyramid scheme was founded by a group of _____ who promised big returns but only took people's money.

n. a person who uses aggressive or dishonest methods to promote or sell goods or products; a peddler or a salesman who is often considered as using deceptive or manipulative tactics

74. The _____ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

75. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

76. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

77. The sound of oncoming _____ grew louder, closer.

n. a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

ANSWERS: 70. adequate, 71. economical, 72. wages, 73. hucksters, 74. gorilla, 75. rubbed, 76. providers, 77. footsteps

78. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
79. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
80. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
81. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit
82. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.
adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
83. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
84. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
85. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

ANSWERS: 78. advantages, 79. app's, 80. engineer, 81. profitable, 82. cynical, 83. consequences, 84. unlikely, 85. debt

86. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

87. The thief's _____ to distract the security guard worked perfectly.

n. a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

88. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

89. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

90. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

91. It was a _____ lie that he would attend the event.

adj. (especially of something bad) complete and absolute; utter; (adverb) completely and absolutely

92. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

93. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

ANSWERS: 86. improve, 87. ploy, 88. roughly, 89. pretensions, 90. warn, 91. downright, 92. industrious, 93. cashier

94. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
95. The price of the designer shoes was _____ so I decided not to buy them.
adj. excessively high or unreasonable, often referring to prices or fees
96. I tied up the _____ of newspapers and took them to the recycling center.
n. a group of things that are tied or wrapped together; a large amount or quantity of something; a package or parcel of things
97. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
98. As people get old, their energies may _____.
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
99. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
100. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
101. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.
n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 94. advertise, 95. exorbitant, 96. bundle, 97. instances, 98. diminish, 99. statistics, 100. obvious, 101. stud

102. The new smartphone has a _____ 1TB of storage space.

adj. extremely large, impressive, or noteworthy; it can also be used to describe a surprise or shock

103. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

104. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

105. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

106. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

107. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

108. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 102. whopping, 103. stimming, 104. discovery, 105. addition, 106. pun, 107. audited, 108. firm

109. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

110. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

111. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

112. Some people are willing to pay a _____ for a rare and valuable collectible.

n. an amount of money paid periodically; the price or cost of something, especially when it is considered to be of high quality or value; (adjective) having or reflecting superior quality or value

113. He was proud to be a _____ of the prestigious university.

n. (informal for graduate) a student who has recently graduated or is about to graduate from a school, college, or university

114. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

115. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

116. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 109. graduate, 110. quarter, 111. combine, 112. premium, 113. grad, 114. exploit, 115. prompted, 116. educational

117. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

118. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

119. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

120. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

121. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

122. He completed his high school _____ via correspondence courses.

n. a document showing the completion of a course of study or a portion of the education program; a course of study at a college or university

123. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 117. unfair, 118. administrator, 119. essential, 120. flash, 121. brand, 122. diploma, 123. profit

124. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 124. trillion